[President.]

country with credit. The loss of such young and promising lives is one often the saddest things to contemplate we can only believe that such things are part of the dispensation of Providence and content ourselves with remembring the qualities of the departed. I desire to put before the House the resolution, which I trust, will be carried in the usual manner, the honourable members rising in their places.

The motion was put and carried, all the members standing.

MESSAGE FROM THE SRI CHITRA STATE COUNCIL.

SECRETARY: I beg to report that the following Message has been received from the Secretary to the Sri Chitra State Council.

"Under Rule 42 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I am directed to inform you that the Sri Chitra State Council has, at its meeting held on the 3rd July 1939, agreed without any amendments, to the following Bills which were passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly at its meetings held in June 1939 :—

1. The Travancore Contract Bill
2. The Travancore Sale of Goods Bill
3. The Travancore Specific Relief Bill
4. The Travancore Partnership Bill
5. The Travancore Arbitration Bill
6. The Travancore Insurance Bill
7. The Travancore Telephone Bill
8. The Travancore Negotiable Instruments Act (Amendment Bill)
9. Amendments to the Rules under the Civil Procedure Code.'

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT REGARDING THE PROCEDURE FOR DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET.

PRESIDENT: Under Rule 69, the debate on the budget will begin with a general discussion and be followed by the voting of Demands for Grants. Two days have been allotted for the general discussion and the maximum of seven days has been set apart for the voting of Demands for Grants. The Demands will be taken up in the order in which they are printed in the list of Demands, copy of which has been already furnished to honourable members. The Demands under I-Land Revenue and Taxes on Income and XI-Public Works may each be discussed for one whole day; and not more than half a day will be allotted for each of the remaining Demands.

Every member, other than the Financial Secretary, will be allowed during the general discussion stage, not more than fifteen minutes as usual. But I hope honourable members will, while not unduly restraining themselves, allow as many non-official members as possible to participate in the discussion and also render it possible to give the Government members adequate time for reply.

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I find on scrutiny of the names furnished by the Secretary that there are 26 members in the National Congress Party, 12 members in the People's Party and 23 members who belong to No-Party. My endeavour will be, as far as possible, to give the members of these parties in proportion to their numbers opportunity for speaking. Roughly speaking 12 members of the National Congress Party, 5 members of the people's party and 10 members of the No-party, will be allowed to take part in the general discussion of the budget. As members when they stand up catch the eye of the president they will be called upon to speak.

When voting on the Demands for Grants every mover and the official member who has the right of reply will be allowed ten minutes each and the other members five minutes each. Standing Order No. 59 requires notice of every motion to be given to the Secretary two clear days before the day on which the Demand comes up for consideration. Late motions will not be accepted. It will facilitate business if honourable members giving notice of token motions—which can most conveniently be for a reduction of one rupee will also specify the purpose underlying the proposed cut and take care to see that the cut motions are confined to amounts entirely votable.

In this connection, I may also invite the attention of honourable members to my predecessor's ruling regarding budget motions given on the 30th of July 1935, reported on pages 705 to 707 of Vol. VI of the Proceedings of the Sri Mulam Assembly—*vide* pages 121-124 of the Rulings from the Chair.

In calculating the number of hours to be allotted for the voting of Demands, I propose to follow the procedure which has been followed during the last three years. A day will be taken as from 11 A. M. to 5 P. M. One hour being available for question time, and another hour (1 to 2 P. M.) as lunch interval, the remaining four hours be treated as one full day and two hours as half a day. If the whole of the first hour is not taken up for questions and answers, the time left over will be available for the voting of Demands for Grants. Such available time will not go to increase the time allotted for any particular Demand but will be available to the House and thus enable them to reach more Demands.

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

PRESIDENT: Under Rule 3 (2) of the Travancore Legislative Rules I have at the commencement of every session of the Assembly to nominate from amongst the members of the Assembly a panel of not more than two Chairmen to preside over the Assembly in the absence of the President and the Deputy President. In accordance with that Rule, I nominate Mr. Kainikara M. Padmanabha Pillai and Mr. S. Krishna Aiyar as the Panel of Chairmen for this session of the Assembly.

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